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## **Conyers passes legislation to protect children from sex abuse**

WASHINGTON, DC --Today, Congressman John Conyers, Jr., passed three amendments to the Children's Safety Act of 2005 to protect children from sex abuse.

The Act, which was designed to track child sex offenders post-conviction, was amended by Rep. Conyers to take proactive, preventive measures to head child abuse off at the pass. "I'm happy that my efforts to prevent child sex abuse before it happens were included."

The first amendment created a grant program for local law enforcement to hire or train staff to specifically work on child sex abuse prevention and prosecution. Grants will also be available for community education, and the purchase of technology that will help catch child predators who are increasingly using the Internet to find their victims.

The second amendment creates an Office of Children's Safety within the Justice Department to help coordinate the government's response to child sex abuse, including providing grants and expertise to local law enforcement, and advising the executive branch of policy priorities.

The final amendment adds juvenile and gender offenses to the data that the Justice Department must collect every year in its analysis of hate crimes.

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